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Re: Freedom of Information Act Request No. ATFY17-116

Dear Mr. Smith:

This letter responds to your July 12, 2017 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for the following records:

- All communication, however formal or informal, between the Division and members of Congress (as well as staff members of members of Congress) on the issue of price fixing of chicken or allegations thereof - which would necessarily include discussion of any allegations involving indices of chicken prices - over the date range January 1, 2016 to the date of this request;
- All CIDs or subpoenas issued by the DOJ to any producer of chicken over the same date range, or caretaker of any chicken price indices. (The three extant price indices are the USDA Composite, Express Markets, and Urner-Berry;
- All communications between the Division and Carl Shapiro, whose email address is shapiro@Haas.Berkeley.edu, over the above date range.

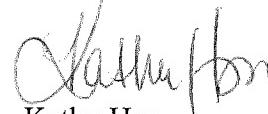
We received your request on July 12, 2017 and assigned it control number ATFY17-116. Please refer to the control number in any future correspondence regarding your request.

Please be advised that we searched the Antitrust Division's records indices and contacted knowledgeable Division staff, but we found no records responsive to your request.

If you consider my response<sup>1</sup> to be a denial of your request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information and Policy ("OIP"), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

You may contact Wayne Foster, Acting FOIA Public Liaison, at the telephone number listed above for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Service ("OGIS") at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.